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OF THE  
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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

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### INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

Jacob Whittemore, note of \$200, dated April 6, 1894, interest at 4 per cent.,	\$200 00
Zoe Whittemore, note of \$100, dated April 6, 1894, interest at 4 per cent.,	100 00
Zoe Whittemore, note of \$500, dated June 1, 1895, interest at 4 1-2 per cent.,	500 00
Jacob Whittemore, note of \$500, dated June 1, 1895, interest at 4 1-2 per cent.,	500 00
Interest due on above up to Feb. 15, 1898,	42 24
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	\$1,342 24

### ASSETS.

Aash in treasury Feb. 15, 1898,	\$217 40
Uncollected taxes,	283 30
Mechanics' Savings Bank book,	211 16
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	\$711 86

There is an unsettled pauper account bill not presented.

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,	\$620 00
County tax,	601 65

## SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Unpaid order of last year,	\$250 00
Balance due from town as per school treasurer's report,	101 00
School money raised,	620 00
Literary fund,	21 08
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	\$992 08
Last year's order paid,	\$250 00
This year's orders paid,	250 00
" " " "	200 00
" " " "	220 00
Literary fund,	21 08
School tax due Hudson,	19 00
	—————
	\$960 08

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid C. W. Barnes,	\$30 92
C. W. Barnes, taking census of school children,	3 00
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	\$33 92

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid A. H. Powers, town clerk,	\$12 00
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Paid M. M. Campbell, treasurer,	\$10 00
J. A. Marsh, selectman,	28 00
G. M. Reid, selectman,	25 00
E. O. Putnam, selectman,	20 00
Z. K. Whittemore, supervisor,	6 00
D. R. Leach, supervisor,	5 00
F. H. Holden, supervisor,	4 00
School board,	25 00
A. H. Powers, auditor,	1 00
J. A. Reid, auditor,	1 00
F. H. Holden, sexton,	4 00
G. A. Annis, sexton, 1896,	6 00
W. H. Putnam, tax collector, 1896,	25 00
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	\$172 00

P. B. Annis, sexton, unpaid.

#### ABATEMENTS.

In favor of W. H. Putnam, collector,	
Chas. H. McQuesten,	\$5 75
F. A. Hill, tax,	1 15
In favor of C. W. Barnes, collector,	
Parker & Barnard,	23 00
Justin Hills,	3 45
G. G. Lydston, soldier,	1 15
Butler, Walker, Durant, soldiers,	3 45
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	\$37 95

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Amount unexpended last year,	\$24 21
Amount raised this year,	567 50
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Orders drawn and paid,	\$591 71

## REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT.

CHARLES H. MCQUESTEN, HIGHWAY AGENT.

## DR.

To cash from town by summer expenses, \$541 18

## CR.

Paid James Corning, labor,	\$9 10
George M. Reid, labor,	46 00
J. A. Reid, labor,	38 82
Hanscome Goodspeed, labor,	2 25
Charles Bancroft, labor,	75
C. H. Chase, labor,	9 43
D. S. Leach, labor,	5 60
D. S. Leach, loam,	1 40
F. A. Bancroft, labor,	36 85
F. A. Bancroft, lumber,	5 04
Henry Annis, labor,	11 00
Daniel McQuesten, labor,	3 20

Paid Daniel McQuesten, loam,	\$5 00
James McQuesten, labor,	4 50
A. J. Pike, labor,	3 90
Fred McQuesten, labor,	2 50
I. N. Center, labor,	3 16
John Lydstone, labor,	1 20
James Butterfield, labor,	10 00
A. H. Powers, labor,	6 87
E. O. Putnam, labor,	19 50
J. A. Marsh, labor,	4 88
George Annis, labor,	25 80
M. M. Campbell, labor,	21 78
Cosmo Adams, labor,	4 05
Chas. Barnes, labor,	21 70
R. Shepherd, labor,	18 55
R. Shepherd, loam,	6 40
John L. Senter, labor,	22 50
Aaron Cutler, labor,	10 00
A. P. Keyes, labor,	21 00
A. P. Keyes, clay,	8 80
Frank Holden, labor,	16 37
Lorenzo Hardy, labor,	9 50
Jacob Whittemore, labor,	45
W. E. McQuesten, labor,	50
N. C. Griffin, labor,	3 42
John Parker, labor,	1 05
John Parker, loam,	1 80
Pick and handle,	1 25

Paid Arthur Davis, labor,	\$ 15
P. Jacobs, labor,	1 50
Pearl Thomas, gravel,	1 50
Waldo Goodspeed, labor,	3 00
Waldo Goodspeed, gravel,	6 64
Harry McQuesten, labor,	2 48
A. W. Bartow, labor,	75
Mark Campbell, labor,	3 00
F. L. Center, labor,	16
C. H. McQuesten, labor,	88 00
C. H. McQuesten, loam,	6 80
C. H. McQuesten, spikes,	1 33
	—\$541 18

## DR.

To cash from town by winter expenses,	\$50 53
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## CR.

Paid J. A. Reid, labor,	\$1 75
A. H. Powers, labor,	1 80
James Butterfield, labor,	6 00
Geo. Annis, labor,	30
Daniel McQuesten, labor,	50
M. M. Campbell, labor,	5 00
E. O. Putnam, labor,	1 40
James Corning, labor,	7 68
F. S. Bancroft, labor,	3 15
Geo. Reid, labor,	7 75
C. H. McQuesten, labor,	10 10

Paid Lorenzo Hardy,	\$4 65
C. W. Leach,	30
A. J. Pike,	15
	— \$50 53

## MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES.

Paid J. A. Marsh, paid legal advice,	\$1 00
Mrs. Jacobs, cleaning town house,	1 50
A. S. Campbell, printing town reports,	20 70
P. Jacobs, burying dead cow,	1 00
J. W. Center, insurance,	25 00
J. Barrett, sawing and housing wood,	1 25
Z. Whittemore, one year's interest,	26 50
Jacob Whittemore, one year's interest,	30 50
Z. K. Whittemore, note dated June 1, 1895,	500 00
Z. K. Whittemore, interest on above note,	34 12
J. A. Marsh, settling with state treasurer,	2 00
F. S. Bancroft, 1 cord hard pine wood,	2 50
Cummings Bros., repairing hearse,	30
A. J. Pike, paint and painting cemetery fence,	2 00
J. A. Marsh, tramp, book, stationery, stamps and glass,	2 00
G. M. Reid, keeping 3 tramps,	2 25
G. M. Reid, paid doctors return of birth and deaths,	1 50
J. Butterfield, setting glass, mail facili- ties,	1 30

Paid A. H. Powers, recording births and deaths, order book,	\$3 72
J. P. Newell, library appropriation,	37 20
F. S. Bancroft, 1-2 cord hard wood for library,	2 00
Jennie F. Center, librarian and cleaning library,	27 00
J. Barrett, load of wood for library,	1 00
J. W. Center, insurance, 1896,	25 00
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	\$751 34

## RECEIPTS.

Whole amount of taxes charged C. W. Barnes, collector, for 1897, \$2,658 86.

Collected and paid,	\$2,375 56
Cash in treasury,	171 68
Received of W. H. Putnam, last year's taxes,	575 17
Savings bank tax,	693 99
Railroad tax,	103 82
Literary fund,	21 08
County,	1 75
For order withdrawn,	3 00
Dog licenses,	36 00
Interest on taxes,	7 00
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	\$3,989 05

## DISBURSEMENTS.

State tax,	\$620 00
County tax,	601 65
Highways,	591 71
Town officers,	172 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	751 34
School supplies,	33 92
School money,	960 08
Abatements,	37 95
Paid for order withdrawn,	3 00
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	\$3,771 65
J. A. MARSH,	{ <i>Selectmen</i>
G. M. REID,	{ <i>of</i>
E. O. PUTNAM,	{ <i>Litchfield.</i>

## Treasurer's Report.

Matthew M. Campbell, treasurer, in account with the town of Litchfield, N. H., for the year ending February 15, 1898.

1897.	DR.
Mechanics' Bank in account with the town of Litchfield, \$211 16.	
Feb. 15, cash in treasury,	\$171 68
May 27, received of W. H. Putnam, collector, 1896,	575 17
“ received of W. H. Putnam, interest,	7 00
June “ “ A. H. Powers, licenses of dogs,	36 00
Dec. 22, received Savings bank tax, Railroad tax,	693 99 103 82
Literary fund,	21 08
From county,	1 75
Feb. 15, received from order withdrawn, “ “ “ C. W. Barnes, collect-	3 00
or for 1897,	2,375 56
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	\$3,989 05
CR.	
Cash paid selectmen's orders,	\$3,771 65
Feb. 15, cash in treasury,	217 40
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Respectfully submitted,	\$3,989 05
MATTHEW M. CAMPBELL,	
<i>Treasurer.</i>	

We have examined the reports of the selectmen, treasurer and other town officers, for the fiscal year ending Feb. 15, 1898, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

A. H. POWERS, } *Town*  
J. A. REID, } *Auditors.*

LITCHFIELD, N. H., February 15, 1898.

# BIRTHS.

Recorded in the Town of Litchfield for the Year ending December 31, 1896 and 1897.

Date	Name of the Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male or Female.	Stillborn.	Color.				
		No. of Child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Name of Father.					
May 6	Amy Ella.....	F	L	3	W George C. Danforth.	R. Emma Gerald....	Lowell, Mass.....	Bangor, Me.....
1897	Mary Ellen.....	"	"	2	Fred McQuesten....	Eva Lafavor.....	"	Litchfield.....
Feb. 23	Daton.....	"	"	4	"	Alice Carpenter.....	Plattsburg, N. Y.	Litchfield.....
Apr. 25		"	"	1	Alvin Bolis.....	John Albert Reid ...	Burlington, Vt.	Plattsburg, N. Y.
Oct. 7	Mary Emily.....	"	"	"	John Albert Reid ...	Mary F. Burbank... Farmer.....	Litchfield.....	Hooksell.....

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. H. POWERS, Town Clerk

# MARRIAGES

Recorded in the Town of Litchfield for the Year ending December 31, 1897.

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of eyes.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Name of Father.	Times Married.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by whom married.
April 7	Hooksett ..	John Albert Reid ..	Litchfield....	22	W	.....	Litchfield.....	John S. Reid.....	1	Nathan L. Colby, Clergyman, Manchester.
		Mary F. Burbank....	Hooksett .....	20	"	.....	Hooksett .....	Mary J. Howe.....		
" 11	Litchfield..	Clarence F. Dooley ..	Litchfield....	18	"	.....	Chester .....	John S. Burbank.....	1	
		Grace A. Dunbar....	"	17	"	.....	Manchester.....	Clara Campbell.....		
								Frank Dooley.....	1	
								Martha Goodwin.....	1	
								Samuel W. Dunbar ..	1	
								Mary A. Webster ..		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. H. POWERS, *Town Clerk.*

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# DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Litchfield for the Year ending December 31, 1897.

Date	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.	Place of Birth.		Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Disease, or Cause of Death.
			Years.	Days.				
Feb. 11	Laura C. Frye.....	44	28	Litchfield.....	F	W	Mary White .....	Cancer .....
" 24	Hannah E. Rogers.....	63	:	Nashua.....	W	W	Jacob Abbott.....	Disease of liver.....
Mar. 2	Sarah J. Goodspeed.....	51	:	Wentworth.....	W	W	Henry Witcher.....	Saunders.....
" 6	Sarah A. Letavor.....	43	:	Amherst.....	M	M	Martin Lyden.....	Pneumonia.....
April 7	Phineas A. Reid.....	80	11	Litchfield.....	M	W	William Reid.....	Heart disease.....
May 8	Martha Morse.....	31	10	N'Hamp'tn, Mass.....	F	W	Mary Aiken.....	Old age.....
Aug. 4	Emily L. Reid.....	55	20	New Hamp's're.....	S	W	Cline.....	Shock.....
" 8	Addie G. Marsh.....	30	7	Litchfield.....	S	W	Thomas Howe.....	Catherine Bullock, Cancer.....
Oct. 29	Mary C. Hopwood.....	29	4	17	M	W	John A. Marsh.....	Margaret A. Wilson, Nephritis.....
							Zach. K. Whittleore Susan Ripley.....	Heart disease.....

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. H. POWERS, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Board of Education,  
OF THE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LITCHFIELD,  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1898.

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DISTRICT OFFICERS, YEAR 1897.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER,  
JOHN A. REID. Z. K. WHITTEMORE.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CHARLES W. BARNES, Term Expires March, 1898.  
JOHN A. REID, Term Expires March, 1899.  
Z. K. WHITTEMORE, Term Expires March, 1900.

## Report of the Board of Education.

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Again we are called to give our annual report of the condition of our schools during the past year, and would say that it will differ somewhat from those of previous years. We think that our schools have improved much during the year in order and general deportment. The work in the schoolroom has proceeded under ordinarily favorable conditions during the past year. But our schools are of first importance and should have all the care and encouragement which the town can give; they should be the last to suffer for lack of money or means.

As a rule we know our teachers have labored with conscientious diligence and faithfulness. Let us then be patient and sustain our teachers in their efforts to perform faithfully their duties.

Our teachers—The tree is known by its fruit. What we have said about our schools shows that we have had good teachers.

We desire to again call the attention of parents and citizens to the necessity of more frequently visiting the schools. By no means can we so well show our interest in our school and encourage the pupils as by our pres-

ence. Nor can we by any other means so well acquaint ourselves with the teacher's methods and realize her perplexities and trials.

Sickness of the pupils has in one or more instances interrupted the school work and is well known of the winter term of school in both districts.

Spring term in District No. 1 was taught by Alice G. Adams of Boscawen, N. H., a graduate from the Normal school. Miss Adams ranks as one of our best teachers and her reputation was well sustained. The school was in every respect a success. She was retained for the fall and winter terms which closed the eighteenth of February.

Spring term in District No. 3 was taught by Sarah Littlefield of Prospect, Me., a graduate of the Normal school of Maine. Miss Littlefield is a pleasant and faithful teacher. She gained the good will of both parents and scholars and a successful school was the result. She was retained for the fall and winter terms which closed the sixteenth of February.

#### ROLL OF HONOR.

The names of pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy for the time specified below:

For five terms, Mahlon A. Bancroft.

For two terms, Herbert C. Leach, Laton F. Parker.

For one term, Lizzie B. McQuesten, Addie D. Morean, Maurice H. Leach, Arthur Lafavor, James W. Hapwood, Bertha J. Griffin, Harry Quimby.

Whole number of registered scholars,	38
Number of girls of school age, April, 1898,	18
Number of boys of school age, April, 1898,	19
Whole number of school age,	37

## STATISTICAL TABLE OF SCHOOLS.

No. in Book-keeping.	4
No. in Vocal Music.	18
No. in Drawing.	20
No. in Composition.	3
No. in Algebra.	12
No. in Philosophy.	10
No. in History.	2
No. in Language.	3
No. in Geography.	9
No. in Arithmetic.	3
No. in Penmanship.	17
No. in Reading and Spelling.	12
No. Average Attendance.	17
No. of pupils.	17
Wages per Month.	\$32
No. of Weeks of School.	11
Teachers.	Alice G. Adams " " " " " " " " " Sarah Littlefield " " " " " "
No. of School.	1 3 10 32 10 32 12 32 10 32 10 32 3 3

Number of visits by school board,	16
"    "    "    " citizens,	132
"    " weeks of school,	63
"    " scholars,	38

Respectfully submitted to the town,

CHARLES W. BARNES, } *School*  
JOHN A. REID,     }  
Z. K. WHITTEMORE, } *Board.*

Litchfield, March, 1898.

## Treasurer's Report.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance left in treasury	March 1, 1897	\$28 80
Whole amount received from treasurer,		710 08
Total receipts,		\$738 88

### DISBURSEMENTS.

From March 1, 1897, to August 1, 1897.		
Paid for teaching and board,	\$184 00	
repairs,	85	
care of school houses,	7 12	
carrying children,	27 00	
fuel,	2 25	
		— \$221 22

From August 1, 1897, to March 1, 1898.		
Paid for teaching and board,	\$320 00	
repairs,	2 35	
care of school houses,	8 75	
carrying children,	60 00	
fuel,	24 75	
Town of Hudson,	19 00	
		— \$434 85

Total receipts,	\$738 88
Total disbursements,	656 07
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Balance in treasury,	\$82 81
Due from town \$32.	

Z. K. WHITTEMORE,

*Treasurer.*

JOHN A. REID, } *Auditors.*  
A. H. POWERS, }

## Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library.

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The board of library trustees hereby respectfully submits their annual report.

At the beginning of the year the board of trustees was organized by the choice of J. P. Newell as chairman and treasurer, and Mrs. Jennie F. Center as librarian and secretary.

During the past year the library has been open for the loaning and receiving of books every Saturday afternoon from 3 until 5 o'clock.

Year by year the library is growing in interest and value, and is much enjoyed by our citizens. Since the report last year 79 volumes have been added to the library by the trustees, making the whole number of volumes at the present time, 788. The number of volumes including magazines loaned, is 1196.

An arrangement has been made by our board with the State librarian, by which books from the State library may be loaned to citizens of Litchfield, the borrower to pay the expenses for transportation.

During the past year the Century and Cosmopolitan Magazines have been donated to the library by the Ladies' Social Circle, the Review of Reviews by Rev. J. P. Newell, and McClure's Magazine by Mrs. J. F. Center.

The following books have been placed in the library by Mr. A. H. Powers, town clerk: History of the Second N. H. Regiment, Seventh N. H. Volunteers, Ninth N. H. Volunteers, Twelfth N. H. Regiment, and Sixteenth N. H. Volunteers, State Papers, Vols. 25, 26, 27 and 28, also the History of the Dedication of the Sullivan Monument and the History of N. H. Men at Louisburg. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. NEWELL,

*For the Trustees.*

## Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer of the board of library trustees, hereby submits his report:

Dr.	
To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897,	\$43 26
town appropriation for books,	37 20
cash received from fines,	77
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Total amount received,	\$81 23

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By cash paid for books,	\$75 76
cash paid for supplies and express,	85
balance on hand,	4 62
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	\$81 23

J. P. NEWELL,

*Treasurer.*

Litchfield, Feb. 19, 1898.



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